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Re: Krupp for Congress (C00434878)

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Issue 1 – Krupp for Congress Office Space.

The Krupp campaign publicized the opening of a campaign office. The office was the site of campaign activity as noted by internet postings (<http://news.racinepost.com/2008/10/marge-krupp-found.html>) and was publicly promoted by not only the Krupp campaign, but also the Chair of the Democratic Party for Wisconsin's 1st CD, Ray Rivera. Mrs. Krupp was also seen on television in her "office."

The office location, 920-61st St. in Kenosha, WI is also the site for Mr. Rivera's own business enterprise and the mailing address for the Democratic Party Headquarters for Wisconsin's First Congressional District.

Per the FEC reports for the Krupp campaign, there are no expenditures cited for the use of this office space. Nor, is there any in-kind donation cited from Mr. Rivera for use of this office space. It is not known what legal entity of business enterprise Mr. Rivera has, but it would be clearly a violation of FEC rules for a business to donate to a political campaign.

The building in question is believed to be owned by James Twomey of Kenosha. There are no campaign contributions for office space cited in the Krupp committee reports from Mr. Twomey either.

Issue 2 – Mailing Expense

A mailing was sent out mid-October 2008 under the auspices of the 1st CD in support of the Krupp campaign. It contained a letter written by Mr. Rivera and an invitation from the Krupp campaign regarding a fundraiser October 24, 2008.

At a recent 1st CD meeting on January 24, 2009, Mr. Rivera was questioned regarding the cost of the mailing. Mr. Rivera was asked if the cost of the mailing was an in-kind donation from him personally. He said that it was a donation from the party.

The 1st CD Treasurer's report shows no expenditures for this mailing. The Krupp campaign committee report shows no expenditure or in-kind donation for the mailing. The mailing allegedly went out across the entire congressional district.

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It is unclear to the actual cost of this mailing (envelopes, paper, printing, & postage). As per FEC rules, if the 1st CD Democratic Party organization spent more than \$1,000 they would have to be registered with the FEC.

Issue 3 – Krupp Committee Citing Personal Items as Campaign Contributions as a means to inflate actual dollars raised.

Throughout the committee reports filed by the Krupp campaign are candidate contributions for personal items. This includes, but is not limited to two suits at \$261 a piece, \$538 for a pair of "camera friendly" eyeglasses, and \$20 for teeth whitening.

It appears that Candidate Krupp used personal funds for these items and not donor contributions. The issue here, as described by FEC analyst, Dorothy Yeager, is the fact that this type of activity "creates inaccuracy in reporting."

Issue 4 – Krupp Committee Candidate Loan Repayments

The FEC Financial Summary for 12-31-08 shows a zero balance for Candidate Loan Repayments. The Krupp Committee did repay the candidate for some of the loans. The repayments show up incorrectly under the line item "Other Disbursements."

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding the issues cited above.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,


Paulette Garin

Additional Information

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Notary Information

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 19th day of March, 2009.

Notary Signature

Melanie Blum

Notary Seal Expiration Date

September 25, 2011

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State of Wisconsin

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